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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Defect Notifications Pursuant to Part 573

Dear Ms. Lewis,

Yokohama Tire Corporation (YTC) has decided to voluntarily recall a quantity of 1,205 Yokohama brand tires manufactured by Yokohama Rubber Company (YRC in its Shinshiro factory Plant Code "FD"). The following information is submitted in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Ch V, Part 573.

Identification of Recalled Tires:

This recall involves the tires as described below, and all were manufactured in the Shinshiro factory from 1 September 2007 through 28 November 2009. (Serial weeks 3407 to 4809)

<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>YTC Part No</u>	<u>Tire Identification Nos</u>	<u>Qty</u>
205/50R16	A680 87V	68001	FT3VNHJ 3407 thru FT3VNHJ4809	1,205

Description of the Non-compliance

During the manufacturing period 4,903 tires were manufactured with only a single TIN molded to one tire sidewall but a total of 1,782 tires were shipped to YTC from the Shinshiro manufacturing plant and distributed into the United States market place. All 1,782 tires contain the noncompliance; therefore the percentage is 100%. YTC has recovered and held 577 tires, so the number of the tires subject to recall is 1,205.

The molding of the single TIN was found at the time that one of several molds was being certified and readied as part of the production process for this part.

Chronology

Yokohama Rubber Company (YRC) designed, developed and distributed the 205/50R16 87V A680 tire. Yokohama manufactured this tire in very limited quantities for replacement

purposes from September 1, 2007 through November 28, 2009. These tires were manufactured with sidewall serial number markings that did not meet the tire labeling requirements of 49 C.F.R., Ch. V, §571.139, S5.5.1 (a) and (b), that were mandated from September 2007, with regards to the application of the tire identification numbers molded on both sidewalls. These noncompliant tires were manufactured after September 2007 with only one full TIN applied to one sidewall and the opposite sidewall having neither a full or partial TIN applied.

Description of Remedy Program

Yokohama will conduct a voluntary recall of these subject tires. Tire owners will be contacted and directed to bring their vehicles and tires to the Yokohama dealers for inspection and replacement at no cost to the owner. Customers who registered their tires will be notified immediately directly by YTC. Those owners who did not register their tires will be identified by the YTC dealers and distributors who sold the tires and who maintain that information.

The tire replacement program to provide remedy tires along with the required service at no charge to the owner will continue until 30 September 2012.

The Yokohama Tire dealers performing the inspection service and tire replacements will be notified of their duties and responsibilities in accordance with 49CFR Part 573.6 (c) (9). Dealers will be instructed to send all recalled replaced and collected tires directly to YTC for collection and process.

Pre-Notification Remedy Reimbursement Program

Any owners who replaced their tires to remedy this non-compliance before receiving this announced recall will be eligible for full compensation of the service and replacement tire costs by YTC.

Dealer and Owner Notification Schedule

Yokohama plans to notify its dealers and distributors of this recall on or about 20 March 2012, and will notify owners on or about 6 April 2012.

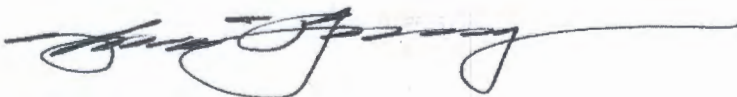
Letters and Communications

Pursuant to Section 577.5 YTC has enclosed the following draft documents for your review and approval:

1. Owner Letter
2. Dealer Letter
3. Technical Service Bulletin (for Dealer/Distributor use)
4. Owner Letter Envelope (Sample)

Please advise the undersigned if any further information or clarification is required.

Sincerely,



Thomas T. Griffing
Corporate Quality Assurance